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**of the**

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**FOR THE YEAR 1961**





# CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1961. The Report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/62 dated 18th January, 1962.

The total number of Births registered during the year was 201 compared with 198 in 1960. The number of births per thousand of the population was 13.4, (the corresponding rate for 1960 was 13.1) and this rate when corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 13.9. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 17.4.

There was a decrease in the number of Deaths, 179 were registered during the year compared with 213 in 1960. The Death Rate per thousand of the population was 12.0, (14.0 in 1960). This rate, corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 9.2. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 12.0.

The number of deaths in children under the age of one year was seven, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 34.8. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 21.4. In 1960 there were six deaths in this age group which gave the Infant Mortality Rate of 30.3.

The Neonatal Death Rate (the number of Deaths in infants under four weeks per 1,000 live births) was 24.32. The corresponding death rate for England and Wales being 15.5.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Greenwich Local District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1961. The Report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1762 dated 18th January, 1962.

The total number of births registered during the year was 201 compared with 198 in 1960. The number of births per thousand of the population was 13.4, (the corresponding rate for 1960 was 13.1) and this rate when corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 13.2. The birth rate for England and Wales was 13.4.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 21 compared with 23 in 1960. The death rate per thousand of the population was 12.9, (the corresponding rate for 1960 was 13.1) and this rate when corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 12.5. The death rate for England and Wales was 12.6.

The number of babies in the district under the age of one year was seven, giving an infant mortality rate of 34.6. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 21.4. In 1960 there were six deaths in this age group which gives the infant mortality rate of 30.7.

The neonatal death rate (the number of deaths in infants under four weeks per 1,000 live births) was 24.32. The corresponding death rate for England and Wales being 15.2.



The Perinatal Death Rate (the number of deaths in infants under one week per 1,000 live births) was 14.9 compared with a rate of 32.2 for England and Wales.

Deaths from the various forms of Cancer numbered 26 during the year and this total included eight deaths from Lung Cancer. The following table shows deaths from Lung Cancer during the last ten years:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1952	4	-	4
1953	5	-	5
1954	4	2	6
1955	5	-	5
1956	7	-	7
1957	6	-	6
1958	4	2	6
1959	1	-	1
1960	2	3	5
1961	8	-	8

The Cancer death rate was 1.7 compared with 1.98 in 1960.

#### Tuberculosis.

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year and three deaths occurred in patients who had already been notified as suffering from tuberculosis but only two of these deaths were attributable to this disease. The tuberculosis death rate was .13. Two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.



### Infectious Disease.

The total number of notifications of infectious disease received during the year was 730, as compared with 151, in 1960. The main increase in notifications was due to the Measles Epidemic - in all, 643 cases were notified. No deaths were recorded during the epidemic and generally speaking the disease was of a mild type. Nineteen cases of Whooping Cough and six of Scarlet Fever were notified.

### Food Poisoning.

61 cases of Food Poisoning were notified throughout the year and this number included an outbreak in a boarding school. Although routine investigations were carried out, the causal organism was not discovered. The outbreak was of a mild character.

### Poliomyelitis.

I am pleased to report that no cases of Poliomyelitis occurred in the Rural District. One case, however, was reported from another district in a child which had temporarily moved out of the Rural District.

Arrangements for prophylactic vaccinations against this disease were continued throughout the year by the County Health Department and all people under the age of 40 were offered vaccination. Details of the special clinics for adults can always be obtained from the Local Health Visitor. The response in the younger age groups has been very satisfactory, but I would appeal to persons in the 15-40 age group to avail themselves of the facilities offered either through their own private practitioner or through the clinics. It is hoped that everyone in the priority classes will avail themselves of the vaccination offered against this crippling disease. The table on page 15 shows the number of children and other persons who received a course of injections in the Rural District during the year.

Information regarding the number of persons receiving inoculations against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and Smallpox vaccinations appear in the tables set out on pages 14 and 16 of this Report. These details have been supplied by the County Medical Officer, to whom I offer my thanks.





I am indebted to Mr. G. Longley, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector for the details supplied in his report on pages 19 to 32.

Finally I offer my thanks to the Council, particularly the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to the Chief Officers for their valuable support, and also to the staff of the Health Department for their loyal support and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.





# SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA: 41,315 acres.

POPULATION: 14,970 (R.G's. Estimate, 1961) -  
13,788 (R.G's. Census figure 1951). (1961 not available)

DENSITY OF POPULATION: i.e., number of persons per acre: 0.36

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 4,919

NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE: 3.0

RATEABLE VALUE: 1961: £161,318

SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE, 1960/61: £628

## BIRTHS.

Live Births (Registered)						Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	185	91	94
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	16	9	7
						201		

Corrected Birth Rate: 13.9

Live Birth Rate for England and Wales: 17.4

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 13.4

Corresponding Rate for 1960: 13.1

Stillbirths:						Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
						5		

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births: 24.9

Corresponding Rate for 1960: 20.2

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 0.33

Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales: 18.7



# DEATHS.

MALES:	78	FEMALES:	101	TOTAL:	179
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population:	12.0				
Corresponding Rate for 1960:	14.0				
Standardised Death Rate:	9.2				
Death Rate for England and Wales:	12.0				

Number of women dying in, or in consequence  
of childbirth .. .. Nil

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total  
registered births .. .. Nil

Total number of deaths from:			<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Cancer (all ages)	..	..	.. 30	26
Measles (all ages)	..	..	.. -	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	..	.. -	-

# INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate .. ..	7	4	3
Illegitimate .. ..	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:	34.8		
Corresponding Rate for 1960:	30.3		
Infant Mortality for England and Wales:	21.4		





Table No. 1.

## TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961

No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory .. .. .	1	1	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other .. .. .	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease .. .. .	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria .. .. .	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough .. .. .	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections .. .. .	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis .. .. .	-	-	-
8.	Measles .. .. .	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. ..	2	-	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	8	-	8
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast .. ..	-	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. ..	-	3	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	7	6	13
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. .. .	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes .. .. .	1	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	5	17	22
18.	Coronary disease, angina .. ..	16	10	26
19.	Hypertension with heart disease .. ..	4	11	15
20.	Other heart disease .. .. .	9	25	34
21.	Other circulatory disease .. ..	2	9	11
22.	Influenza .. .. .	1	1	2
23.	Pneumonia .. .. .	2	2	4
24.	Bronchitis .. .. .	3	5	8
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	1	2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .. ..	2	1	3
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .. ..	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .	1	1	2
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate .. .. .	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .. ..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations .. .. .	2	2	4
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	6	3	9
33.	Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .	1	1	2
34.	All other accidents .. .. .	1	2	3
35.	Suicide .. .. .	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war .. ..	-	-	-
Total all Causes:		78	101	179





Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN  
THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	TOTAL:
BENENDEN	6	-	-	-	58	64
CRANBROOK (including Sissinghurst)	210	-	-	-	1	211
FRITTENDEN	9	-	1	17	-	27
GOUDHURST (including Kilndown)	64	-	1	1	-	66
HAWKHURST	337	1	4	1	2	345
SANDHURST	17	-	-	-	-	17
TOTAL:	643	1	6	19	61	730



Table No. 3.SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL:
WHOOPING COUGH	-	12	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
MEASLES	22	126	103	163	131	63	32	3	-	-	-	-	643
SCARLET FEVER	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	6
PNEUMONIA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FOOD POISONING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	58	2	-	61
TOTAL	22	139	109	166	132	63	33	3	1	60	2	-	730





Table No. 4

## AGES, ETC., OF CASES OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths (inhab- itants only)
Acute Anterior Polio- myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(including Meningo- coccal Meningitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	61	-	-	-	-	1	1	29	29	1	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	643	9	33	55	56	59	339	77	11	4	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	19	1	-	2	-	5	9	2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	730	10	33	57	56	68	352	108	41	5	-	-



Table No. 5.

TUBERCULOSISTABLE SHOWING NEW CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHSIN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

	New Cases				Recoveries				Deaths			
	Pul-monary		Non-pulmonary		Pul-monary		Non-pulmonary		Pul-monary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	-	2	-	2	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

During the year 131 International Vaccination Certificates were countersigned, authenticating the signatures of doctors in the Rural District, for persons travelling abroad.





Table No. 6.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1961 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1961	59	-	59
1960	81	-	81
1959	11	5	7
1958	13	2	9
1957	3	3	3
1952-1956	15	117	15
1947-1957	6	18	6
TOTAL:	188	145	180



Table No. 7.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The following table shows the number of injections given in the various priority groups during the year ended 31st December, 1961.

Priority Group	2nd Injections	3rd Injections	4th Injections
1957 - 1961	206	180	-
1946 - 1956	134	248	-
1943 - 1945	67	34	-
1933 - 1942	202	101	-
1921 - 1932	351	269	-
Others	12	7	-
School children under 12 years	-	-	867
TOTAL:	972	839	867





Table No. 8.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

The following table shows the Smallpox Vaccination figures for 1961 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	NUMBER VACCINATED	NUMBER RE-VACCINATED
Under 1	101	-
1	9	-
2 to 4	5	-
5 to 14	6	-
15 or over	2	2
TOTAL:	123	2



Table No. 9.

NURSING HOMES.

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:-		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year .. ..	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the end of the year ..	1	-	8	8
Homes exempt from registration at end of year .. .. .	1	-	162	162

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

During the year 1 medical examination was carried out  
in connection with a new appointment.





### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

As in previous years the Kent County Council Ambulance Service served the needs of the district from the Ambulance Station at the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook.

This service is operated by the British Red Cross Society whose members give their services voluntarily on Sundays and weekday evenings.

Another point of interest is the Dressing Station, open during the day, at the Ambulance Station, which caters for local people who incur minor accidents.

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### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

#### Section 47 of the National Assistance Act: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

During the year it was necessary to apply for one Order under this section. This was a case of an elderly gentleman who was infirm and living in insanitary conditions and was unable to devote to himself, and was not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. A compulsory order for his removal was obtained and he was admitted to Part III accommodation.

He settled in his new surroundings and no further action for the renewal of the Order was necessary.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1961, together with details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

G. LONGLEY,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health  
Inspector.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

The district is well served by the mains of the Mid Kent Water Company and the supply, other than that in the parish of Frittenden is drawn from wells and bores in the Ashford Sand formation at Goudhurst, where it is treated to remove iron and manganese. During the year the Company laid a total of 3,769 yards of mains as follows:-

2 ins. - 87 yards. 3 ins. - 2,840 yards. 4 ins. - 842 yards.

Samples collected during the year were as follows:-

	Bact. Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	satis- factory	Not satis- factory	No. of Samples	satis- factory	Not satis- factory
Water Co's. mains	6	6	-	-	-	-
Private supplies piped to dwellings	8	3	5	-	-	-
Other supplies	4	1	3	-	-	-



The number of dwellings supplied from public water mains in each parish is given below. The approximate percentage of houses supplied by public water mains or other adequate supplies is 97.3.

	<u>With Piped Supply.</u>	<u>Supplied by standpipe.</u>
Benenden	532	-
Cranbrook	1,556	-
Frittenden	249	-
Goudhurst	865	-
Hawkhurst	1,239	-
Sandhurst	329	-
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	4,790	
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#### PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no public swimming baths within the district.

#### SEWERAGE.

Work on the Sissinghurst main drainage scheme has proceeded throughout the year and is nearing completion.

The construction of a new sewage disposal works at Sandhurst and the laying of sewers has been commenced and good progress was made during the year.

The work of improvement to the North Road and Underhill Works at Goudhurst is well under way.

#### HOUSING.

During the year 89 houses have been erected, 14 by the Council and 75 by private enterprise. In addition 4 new dwellings have been provided by conversion.

Discretionary Grants for improvements have been agreed for 17 houses, and in respect of conversion providing four new dwellings. Standard Grants have been agreed for 38 houses.

No clearance areas were represented during the year.





Six individual houses were represented to the Council as being unfit and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost, and undertakings were given by the owners as to their future use.

Four undertakings given in previous years were cancelled as the dwellings have been renovated and brought up to standard.

The following tables give a summary of quarterly returns made in respect of housing work:-

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

Table No. 10.

A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses demolished	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation .. .. .	8	3	1
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc. .. .. .	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957.. ..	-	-	-



A. Houses Demolished (Continued).

	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 ..	2	9	2
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health ..	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action taken under Local Acts .. . . .	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders ..	-	-	-

B. Unfit houses closed.

	No.	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(8) Under Secs. 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 ..	1	-	-
(9) Under Secs. 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 .. . . .	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Sec. 18 Housing Act, 1957 .. . . .	-	-	-





C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	98	-
(12) After formal action under:		
(a) Public Health Acts .. .. .	3	-
(b) Secs. 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	1	-
(13) Under Sec. 24, Housing Act, 1957 . . .	-	-

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

	No. of Houses	No. of separate dwellings
(14) Retained for Temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Sec. 48 .. .. .	-	-
(b) Under Sec. 17(2) .. .. .	-	-
(c) Under Sec. 46 .. .. .	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Secs. 34 or 53 .. .. .	-	-

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	No. of Houses	No. of Occupiers
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas, other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders of Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year .. .. .	-	-



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The total number of food premises in the area is classified as follows:-

Bakehouses	7
Ice cream manufacturers	-
Ice cream retailers	63
Dairies	3
Butchers	13
Sausage manufacturers	13
Restaurants and cafes	27
Grocers	40
Confectioners	19
Greengrocers	6
Fish Shops	4
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	195
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Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses)	268
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## Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The number of premises registered under Section 16 is as follows:-

Premises used for sausage making	13
" " " manufacture of ice cream	-
" " " sale and storage of ice cream	63

Number of inspections of these premises	122
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## Milk Supply.

Number of distributors of milk in the district	16
Number of Dairies (excluding farms)	3
Number of shops selling bottled milk	13

Three samples of milk were submitted to the biological test, and all gave negative results.



### Ice Cream.

There is no manufacturer of ice cream in the district. Sixty-three premises are registered for the sale of ice cream and supplies are obtained mainly from four large manufacturers with nation wide sales.

### Meat and Other Foods.

The slaughtering in the district is normally carried out at regular times, and all animals killed are inspected.

The following table gives particulars of the work of the slaughter-houses and the results of inspection:-





SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

TABLE OF CARCASES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT.

Table No. 11.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .. .. .	207	-	23	429	338	-
Number inspected .. .. .	207	-	23	429	338	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticerco:- Whole Carcases found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit .. .. .	5	-	-	-	8	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerco .. .. .	2.4%	-	-	-	2.4%	-
Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcases found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit .. .. .	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .. .. .	-	-	-	-	0.3%	-
Cysticercosis:- Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally unfit .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-	-



The total weight of unsound food surrendered during the year was:-

	cwts.	qtrs.	lbs.
Tinned foods	1.	2.	15.
Meat	10.	0.	13.
	<hr/> 11.	<hr/> 3.	<hr/> 0.

#### HOP PICKERS' CAMPS.

The usual inspections of hop-pickers camps were made. The number of picking machines in use continues to increase with a resultant reduction in the number of pickers, especially of those from outside the rural district. Consequently, hop-picking is no longer the Public Health problem that it used to be. No cases of infectious diseases were notified from the encampment during the season. 60 encampments were in use.

#### DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator:-

	<u>Rats.</u>	<u>Mice.</u>
Number of complaints received	40	12
" " premises infested	164	11
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	36	3





Number of premises disinfested:-

	<u>Rats.</u>	<u>Mice.</u>
(a) dwellings and schools	153	8
(b) Council properties (sewerage works refuse tips, etc.)	11	3
(c) Food premises	-	-
(d) other premises	-	-
Total number of visits	375	25

I regret to say that Mr. A. Pearson, who had worked for the Council for many years, died in September, 1961. For a number of years he had been part time rodent operator in the district. The Council decided not to appoint a new rodent operator at the present time.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

Details of action carried out by the Rodent Operator under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors, for dealing with insect pests, are as follows:-

Premises disinfested	-	4
Visits	-	6



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 1959.

The following information is given regarding inspections of factories:-

Table No. 12.

1. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	7	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	63	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	52	110	-	-
Total:	141	180	1	-



2. Cases in which Defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which pro-secutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) Insufficient .. ..	2	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .. .. .	6	5	-	1	-





Summary of Inspections etc., carried out during the year:

	Number
Visits to Bakehouses .. .. .	14
" " Butchers' Shops .. .. .	70
" " Dairies .. .. .	11
" " Ice Cream premises .. .. .	52
" " Licensed premises .. .. .	41
" " Restaurants and kitchens .. .. .	59
" " Slaughterhouses .. .. .	166
" " Other food premises .. .. .	61
" " Theatres, Cinemas etc. .. .. .	8
Visits to Baths .. .. .	3
" " Moveable dwellings .. .. .	26
" " Factories .. .. .	180
" " Stables .. .. .	-
" " Streams and ponds .. .. .	4
" " Verminous premises .. .. .	-
Visits re Infectious diseases .. .. .	4
" " Insects and various pests .. .. .	35
" " Keeping of animals .. .. .	17
" " Offensive trades .. .. .	4
" " Overcrowding .. .. .	1
" " Rat/Mice infestation .. .. .	33
" " Shops Act .. .. .	7
" " Smoke nuisance .. .. .	13
" " Water supply .. .. .	18
" " Hop-pickers' camps .. .. .	121
Houses disinfested .. .. .	4
" disinfected .. .. .	6
Smoke tests to drains .. .. .	2
Water tests to drains .. .. .	93
Informal notices served on houses .. .. .	87
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action .. .. .	98
Formal notices served re houses .. .. .	4
" " complied with by owner .. .. .	3
" " " " occupier .. .. .	1
" " " " Local Authority in default .. .. .	-



Table No. 13.

RAINFALL.

The monthly figures for rainfall recorded at the Council's Sewage Works at Cranbrook are set out below:-

	Rainfall	No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell
January .. .. .	4.57	21
February .. .. .	2.53	19
March .. .. .	.05	4
April .. .. .	2.26	17
May .. .. .	.79	7
June .. .. .	1.06	9
July .. .. .	1.55	8
August .. .. .	.89	12
September .. .. .	1.81	15
October .. .. .	4.03	18
November .. .. .	2.55	13
December .. .. .	4.26	16
TOTAL .. .. .	26.35	159



